



**VISION:** Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

## Alternate Side Parking Process

When the City of Eau Claire declares a snow event (a full residential plow operation), alternate side parking regulations will be in effect on all streets in the City of Eau Claire for a period of 72 hours. Such regulations shall apply as follows:

- On **odd-numbered** days, vehicles shall only be parked, stopped or left standing on the side of the street having **odd-numbered** addresses.
- On **even-numbered** days, vehicles shall only be parked, stopped or left standing on the side of the street having **even-numbered** addresses.
- These provisions shall be in effect between **midnight and 5:00 p.m.**
- These provisions shall not supersede more restrictive parking regulations in effect in the city.
- Notice of the snow event shall be provided at least 6 hours prior to the regulations taking effect, meaning notice must be provided prior to 6 p.m. in order for alternate side parking to commence that night at 12:00 midnight. Notice shall be given to the public and all interested media outlets on the following sites:

**City of Eau Claire Website News Section (eauclairewi.gov)** [www.eauclairewi.gov](http://www.eauclairewi.gov)



(You may sign up to receive notifications whenever a “snow update” is posted by clicking on the E-notification button. Fill out the appropriate information and check the “Snow Updates” button. )

**Public Works Twitter Page** <http://twitter.com/cityofecstreets>



**#ECSNOWPLOW** will be for Full Residential plowing operations and that alternate side parking will be enforced for the next 72 hours.

**#ECSNOW1516** will be the hashtag for information about ice control routes, snow hauls and other winter operations.

**City of Eau Claire –City Hall Facebook Page:**

[www.facebook.com/cityofeauclaire](http://www.facebook.com/cityofeauclaire)



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## City Manager

### **Council Approves Development Agreement for a Community Arts Facility**

On November 10, the City Council approved a multi-party development agreement for a Community Arts Facility (CAF). The agreement covers the terms and conditions for the construction, ownership, and operation of the CAF. The agreement provides for a \$5 million contribution from the City towards the project, which is subject to other financing requirements. Other financing requirements of the project include \$15 million from the State of Wisconsin, \$3.5 million from the County, \$3 million in equity from New Market Tax Credits, and most importantly, \$13.5 million from philanthropy and donors. The agreement also contains various requirements for operating and building reserves and additional private guaranties to protect the City.

The CAF will be owned by a non-profit, non-stock company called Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc. The ownership will be governed by a separate Board of Directors, which includes representatives from the major donors, including two members of the Blugold Foundation, two members from the City, one member from Eau Claire Regional Arts Council Endowment Trust, and one representative from the developer. The operation of the facility will be controlled by a separate entity called the Confluence Council. The Confluence Council will be responsible to Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc. for the day-to-day operations, including scheduling.

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## Community Development

### **Biscuit Lofts apartments filling up fast**

Its walls have seen a lot of history since 1901, and now, more than 100 years later, there's a new chapter for the building at 1300 First Avenue.

Developers with the Biscuit Lofts held a grand opening for the apartment building on September 22. Today, the apartments are nearly full. Verne Hanson of MetroPlains explained the various uses for the building over the years.

"What three-story building in Eau Claire involved manufacturing trunks, suit and telescope cases (1901-18), phonographs (1918-19), served as a warehouse (1920s-30s), and then was remodeled prior to World War II into a school that served Eau Claire and the region in vocational education from 1941-1967? We are standing in it," Hanson told the crowd.

It was also home to the National Biscuit Company (now Nabisco) during the 1920s, hence the name Biscuit Lofts.

Guests envisioned machine shop and diesel engineering, as well as barber classes happening as Hanson pointed out the renovated rooms. After the Eau Claire Vocational School outgrew the building, moved, and became the Chippewa Valley Technical College, the building was used as the City of Eau Claire's Parks and Recreation Department home facility.



"So here we are, almost 11 months to the day, here to celebrate the grand opening of the Biscuit Loft's next chapter," Hanson said.



While Metro Plains began discussions with the City in the summer of 2012, a ground breaking was held in October of 2014. "...twenty-two units of loft-living, using the historic shell to guide the contemporary living units to be housed within," Hanson said.

Hanson said they've had more than 200 calls of interest on the apartments. But he says, with income limits and other requirements, the number of those eligible is lower. The one-, two-, and three-bedroom units are occupied by a variety of people including seniors on fixed incomes, young professionals, families, married couples, and single heads of households.

Nineteen of the 22 units are occupied with the rest expected to be filled in the coming days. Hanson says they originally anticipated that Biscuit Lofts would be fully leased at the end of November, but with the high level of interest, it's come a little sooner.

"For long after we are gone, the next chapter of this historic building will again be rewritten."



**Photo by Dan Reiland,  
EC Leader-Telegram**

# Let it Glow!

**Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. is raising funds for this year's Let it Glow light display! If we receive enough donations, our goal is to expand the display, adding more to the original 18 trees lit in our inaugural year last year. Please help us raise money for this display that the entire community enjoys!**

**We need community support! Would you like to sponsor a tree? Would you like to contribute to the installment or power? If you have questions, or would like to support this effort, please call: 715-839-4914.**

**If you would like to send a donation, please mail to: Downtown Eau Claire, Inc., 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701**



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## Fire & Rescue

### Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

With the advent of the heating season, please be mindful of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO). CO is a flammable, colorless, odorless, toxic gas produced during incomplete combustion of fuel. CO can escape from any fuel-burning appliance, furnace, water heater, fireplace, wood stove, or space heater. It can spill from vent connections in poorly maintained or blocked chimneys. A nest or other materials can block the flue, and CO will spill back into the house. Improperly-sized flues connected to new high-efficiency furnaces and water heaters can also contribute to CO spillage.



To minimize the risk of CO poisoning, make sure appliances are installed according to manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by professionals and inspected and serviced annually. Chimneys and flues should be checked for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections. Properly-working CO detectors can provide an early warning to consumers before the deadly gas builds up to a dangerous level. Detectors range from \$30-\$100 and can be purchased at your local hardware and/or discount stores.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing. If you think you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Open windows and doors for ventilation, turn off any combustion appliances, and leave the home. **Call 9-1-1 immediately.**

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## Health

### Hello Sunday Morning: A movement to change Eau Claire's relationship with alcohol.



**HELLOSUNDAYMORNING**

Eau Claire Healthy Communities is supporting a unique initiative to decrease high-risk drinking in Eau Claire County. Eau Claire County's rate of binge drinking among adults ages 18+ is 30%-- higher than the state-wide rate of 23% and national rate of 16% and costs each Eau Claire citizen \$1,600 each year.

"Hello Sunday Morning" is an online program that encourages participants to evaluate their relationship with alcohol and inspires people to understand how and

why they drink. This online effort began in Australia and has spread worldwide. Eau Claire will be the inaugural US site. Get connected to Hello Sunday Morning by:

- Downloading the free iPhone app
- Joining the online community at [www.hellosundaymorning.org](http://www.hellosundaymorning.org)
- Following Hello Sunday Mornings' Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter profiles.

Each Sunday morning participants are prompted by the app to 'check-in' on their weekly progress and complete different challenges. After downloading the 'Hello Sunday Morning' iPhone app, participants complete the 10 questions from the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT), developed by the World Health Organization. From here they complete a three-question version of the AUDIT every Sunday morning. That progress is charted, and participants can see how their relationship with alcohol has changed over time.

**Join us on Sunday, November 15, from 10-11 a.m.  
at the UWEC Zorn Arena for a  
Hello Sunday Morning event - a FREE yoga class!**

**The first 50 participants to register online will receive  
a free yoga mat!**

**Everyone over the age of 18, including  
community members and students, are invited to  
attend.**

**Register here:  
<https://recservices.uwec.edu/Course/Search.aspx>**

**Walk-ins are also welcome.**

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## Library



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

*Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*

*Sunday, November 15 • 1–4 p.m.*

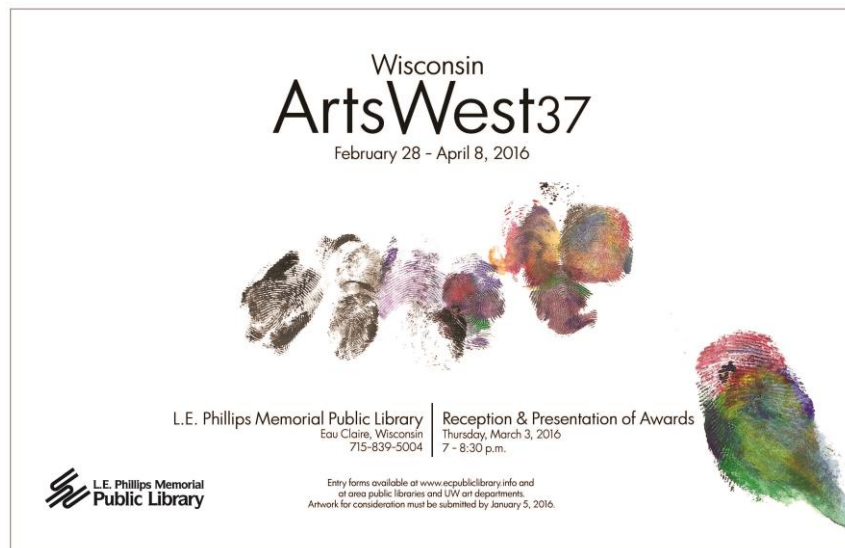
Bag sale on Saturday and half-price sale on Sunday.

### Letters to Santa Claus

Children ages 3 and up may drop a letter in Santa's special mailbox November 23–December 6 in Youth Services. Parents will need to provide the child's full name and mailing address. Children will receive responses December 15–21. (Sponsored by the Young Adult Advisory Board.)

### Library Announces 37th Annual Juried Art Show

The library invites area artists to enter Wisconsin ArtsWest, the library's annual juried art show, to be held February 8 through April 8, 2016. Entry forms will be available at area public libraries, University of Wisconsin art departments, and at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events). Entries must be delivered to the library or postmarked no later than January 5, 2016.



Artists' prizes will be awarded for Best of Show, \$300; First Prize, \$200; Second Prize, \$150; and Third Prize, \$100. Funding for artists' prizes has been provided by the Friends of the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library.

### Climate Change: Policy and Public Health Panel Discussion

*Wednesday, December 2 • 6 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

Have questions about what is happening in local public health policy in Eau Claire as a response to climate change? Join us for a question and answer session with local public policy advocates.

Presented in cooperation with “Climate Change Policy and Public Health,” a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) hosted by U.W. – Madison. For more information or to register for the MOOC, visit <https://moocs.wisc.edu>.

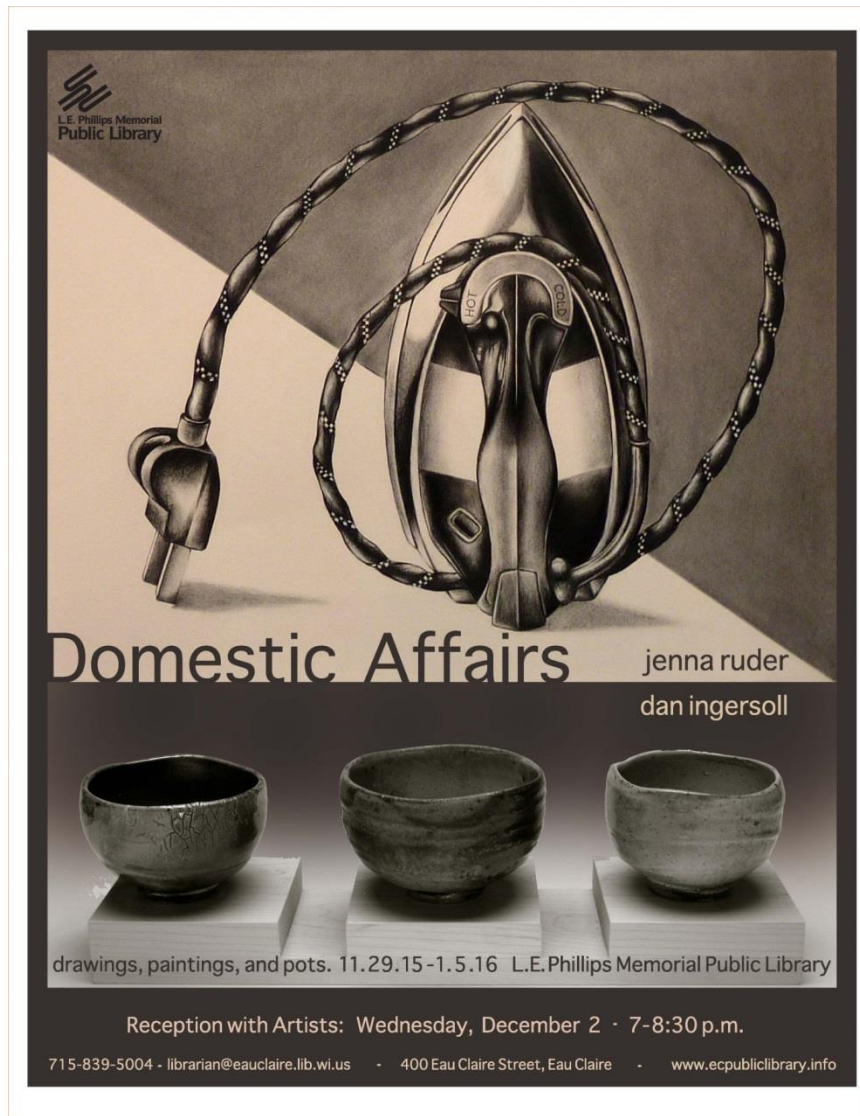
### **Domestic Affairs: Drawings, Paintings & Pots**

Exhibit by Dan Ingersoll and Jenna Ruder

November 29 – January 9

Artist Reception: Wednesday, December 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

“Domestic Affairs” draws its subjects from everyday life. Jenna Ruder’s treatment of common objects elevates them from their everyday space to a place deserving of special consideration, which encourages viewers to see them in a new light. Dan Ingersoll’s work plays in the world of functional useful objects that are to be enjoyed and appreciated in everyday rituals such as coffee or tea. The commonality between the two artists’ work lies in the domestic space and place that their work plays in.



For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info), stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at [librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us](mailto:librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us), or call 715-839-5004.

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## Parks, Recreation & Forestry

### Parents' Night Out November 13

Parents: Enjoy an evening out while your children have fun, too! The next "Parents' Night Out" session is from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m. Friday, November 13, at Robbins Elementary School. Cost is \$10 if pre-registered; otherwise, it's \$12 at the door or four punches of a [City Pass](#). To register, visit [www.eauclairewi.gov/reg](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/reg).

### Final 'Healthy Trails' Hike of the Season November 14

Hit the trails for a happier, healthier you with the final installment of a new Parks and Recreation program in partnership with Mayo Clinic Health System. Join a health care provider for a walk on a local trail, while learning about important health topics. Healthy Trails is a free program and open to all ages and fitness levels. The next program meets from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, at the Owen Park playground. RSVPs are not necessary.

### Holiday Sale on Fairfax Pool Passes

Get your 2016 Fairfax Pool Pass at the lowest price of the season! Purchase your pass from December 1 through January 31 for a 20 percent discount.

- Youth Resident...\$42      Youth Non-Resident...\$60
  - Adult Resident...\$52      Adult Non-Resident...\$70
  - Family of 3 Resident\*...\$98      Family of 3 Non-Resident\*...\$144
- \*Add \$5 more for each additional family member

### Youth Hockey Schedules Available Online

Youth hockey schedules now are [available online](#). League schedules are posted for beginners, mites, squirts and mini-mites.



### Volunteers Needed for Clearwater Winter Parade

The Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is seeking volunteers to assist with the Clearwater Winter Parade December 19. Volunteer registration and available tasks can be found [online](#).

### Stay connected to Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Keep on top of the latest happenings within the Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department by liking its Facebook pages:

- [Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry](#)
- [Fairfax Municipal Swimming Pool](#)
- [Hobbs Ice Center – Eau Claire, WI](#)

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With winter approaching, it is a good time to look at the City's parking regulations. Once you receive your driver's license, it becomes your responsibility to know and understand the laws and ordinances that pertain to parking. These laws help keep pedestrians and drivers safe while allowing the Streets Department to safely keep our streets clean and drivable year-round. Here are a few tips on parking in the City of Eau Claire:

1. Do not park within 15 feet of a crosswalk. This includes crosswalks that are not marked.
2. Do not park within 4 feet of a driveway. This is especially important in the winter when it is hard to see over the snowbanks and people are trying to exit their driveways.
3. Do not park closer than 10 feet from a fire hydrant.
4. If you park on the street move your vehicle at least 75 feet every 24 hours.
5. Make sure your vehicle is parked no further than 12 inches from the curb.
6. Read parking signs! When you park, take a few moments to read the parking signs to ensure you are parked legally – don't just assume you are legally parked because there are other cars parked there. Look at where the arrows are pointing on the signs. This can save you time and money in the end.



More information can be found at <http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/police-department/parking>

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## Public Works



### **New Parking Ramp Level to be Poured in December**

Crews are expected to begin work on the newly-approved fourth level of the North Barstow Parking Ramp in December, if weather remains mild. The City Council approved the additional level in September, increasing the ramp's capacity to 769 vehicles.

### **Street Paving to Conclude for the Season**

Public Works crews will be wrapping up all street paving within the next two weeks. Mild autumn weather allowed crews to get ahead of schedule on a number of paving projects, allowing them to finish this year's paving earlier than in year's past.

### **Popular Pavers Delaying Street Projects**

A surge in demand for a decorative paver design has pushed back completion of a downtown street construction project. The pavers, which will serve as the surface for the crosswalks on South Barstow, Gibson and Eau Claire Streets, have been back-ordered since earlier this summer. Crews will be unable to put the finishing touches on the street projects until the pavers are delivered.



### **Madison Street Bridge Nears Completion**

Construction crews are finishing minor work on the sidewalk located at the northwest corner of the Madison Street Bridge. The work is expected to be finished by next week, thereby completing the three-and-a-half-month project.

### **Map of 2016 Construction Projects Posted Online**

It's going to be a busy year for City engineers in 2016. The Engineering Division recently posted a [map](#) with the names and locations of 25 proposed street projects and 21 alley improvements. Once the City Council approves the proposed projects, they will become construction projects for 2016.

### **New Rules for Alternate Side Parking this Winter**

Calendar parking still exists in Eau Claire – it's just a little less restrictive. Gone is the alternate side parking enforced snow or shine from November through April. Now residents only need to move their cars to the appropriate side of the street between midnight and 5 p.m. if snow accumulation warrants a city-wide plowing operation.

The Public Works Department will notify media and post [online](#) at least six hours prior to the start of plowing, at which time, residents should move their vehicles to the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses on odd-number dates and to the even-side of the street on even-numbered dates (according to the date *after* midnight).



### **Follow Snow Plowing Activities Online**

Take the guesswork out of city snow plowing. Residents have several options to getting connected to winter street maintenance:

- Sign up for e-notifications of “Snow Updates” in the News section of the City’s website to receive email notifications whenever the “alternate side parking” goes into effect.  
[www.eauclairewi.gov](http://www.eauclairewi.gov)
- Follow the Public Works Twitter account ([@cityofecstreets](https://twitter.com/cityofecstreets)) and watch for the **#ecsnowplow** hashtag to indicate full residential plowing and the need for alternate side parking. Other winter road information, such as the plowing of only major thoroughfares or snow hauls, can be tracked using the hashtag **#ecsnow1516**.
- Information also will be posted on the City of Eau Claire – City Hall Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/cityofeauclaire](https://www.facebook.com/cityofeauclaire).

## Eau Claire City Council



### City Council Meeting Summary – November 9 & 10, 2015

#### The City Council

- Conducted a public hearing on the City's 2016 Operating Budget, Library, and Health Department budgets, and Special Agency Funding.
- Held a public discussion of amendments to the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2016.
- Discussed an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Sewerage Service Charge", to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2016 Operating Budget.
- Received a presentation and update on the City of Eau Claire's Wage and Compensation Study, along with public discussion of an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan.
- Listened to public discussion on proposed ordinance amendments related to the special events approval process including Chapter 9.59 entitled "Special Events," Chapter 9.76 entitled "Parks – Public Grounds," Chapter 9.24 entitled "Boating Regulations," and Chapter 9.32 entitled "Fireworks and Firearms," and creating Section 5.28.033 entitled "Temporary Class 'B' License Issuance." The Council approved the amendments at their Tuesday legislative session.
- Conducted a public discussion on the proposed Development Agreement for the Community Arts Facility between the City, Haymarket Concepts, L.L.C. and Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc. The City Council approved the Development Agreement at their legislative session on Tuesday.
- Read a Proclamation recognizing November 30 as Methamphetamine Awareness Day as part of efforts to increase awareness about the damaging effects of methamphetamine abuse on individuals, families and American communities.
- Authorized the Mehara Shrine Club to conduct the Mehara Shrine Circus; authorized the LE Phillips Senior Center to conduct the Water Street Mile/5K; and authorized the Center Ice Club Foundation to conduct the Hops for Hockey Beerfest.
- Granted a petition and waiver for installation of storm sewer and paving on a portion of the alley south of Chippewa Street near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Approved the bid and proposal for the Water Treatment Plant New Production Wells.
- Renewed the Municipal Animal Control Agreement with the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. for 2016-2017.
- Authorized appropriation adjustments to the 2015 Program of Services for grants, donations, and budget adjustments.

- Declared a portion of Archery Park excess land and authorized the sale to the adjoining property owner.
- Adopted the proposed budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 for the City, the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and the City - County Health Department.
- Adopted the proposed or amended budgets for various agencies and utilities for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
- Adopted a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2015 special assessments.
- Appropriated the 2016 capital projects identified in the 2016 – 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and authorized the issuance of bonds and an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes.
- Approved the 2016 Budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City and authorized related levying of special assessments.
- Amended the City's Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2016.
- Authorized an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase.
- Amended the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Sewerage Service Charge" to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2016 Operating Budget.
- Amended both the Pay Plan for the City of Eau Claire and the Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan.

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